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SUBJ: URUGUAY'S OFFER TO HOST VII OASGA

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1. THE GOP WOULD MOST PROBABLY ATTEMPT TO AVOID BECOMING EMBROILED IN A CONTROVERSY OVER THE URUGUAYAN OFFER. PERU USUALLY SUPPORTS GENERALIZED MEASURES ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. BUT CURRENT GOP FOREIGN POLICY EMPHASIZES AS A FIRST PRIORITY THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SMOOTHEST AND FRIENDLIEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH THIS COUNTRY'S NEIGHBORS. URUGUAY IS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE IN THAT CONTEXT; BUT IF THE GOU'S BID FOR THE OASGA HAS BRAZILIAN, CHILEAN AND/OR ARGENTINE SUPPORT, THE GOP COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN OPPOSITION. WE THINK THE PERUVIANS WOULD LAY BACK AND GO ALONG WITH AN LA CONSENSUS IF ONE DEVELOPED.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, WE DOUBT THAT THE GOP LOOKS WITH ANY FAVOR ON THE PROPOSAL OF MONTEVIDEO AS THE OASGA VENUE. AS THE DEPARTMENT NOTES, MEETING THERE IS LIKELY TO RE-VIVE THE CONTENTIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE -- A DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD NOT SUIT THE GOP'S OBJECTIVE OF TRANQUIL RELATIONS WITH THE NEIGHBORS. WE BELIEVE THE GOP WOULD

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WELCOME A COMPROMISE CHOICE OR A REVERSION TO THE WASHINGTON SITE. BUT -- AGAIN -- IF THE USG DECIDED TO MAKE A STRONG EFFORT TO BLOCK THE URUGUAYAN BID, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT WE COULD LOOK FOR MUCH MORE THAN MORAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOP.

3. THE TELEGRAM FROM AMBASSADOR PEZZULO CITED IN PARA 6

OF THE REFTEL DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE REACHED LIMA. THE
IDEA OF AN IAHRC VISIT AS A PRECONDITION DOES, NEVERTHE-
LESS, STRIKE US AS A GOOD ONE. BROAD MULTILATERAL
SUPPORT IN URGING THAT SCHEME ON THE GOU COULD PERHAPS
BEST BE OBTAINED BY INFORMING SELECTED OAS
GOVERNMENTS THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD FIND
IT DIFFICULT TO ATTEND A MEETING IN MONTEVIDEO IN THE
ABSENCE OF SUCH A PRIOR VISIT.
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